

Name Carol Hendry

Graduation year 1939

Today's date: July 26 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

MY PHYS ED TEACHER SAID SHE THOUGHT I WOULD BE A
GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THE PROFESSION & THOUGHT I WOULD LIKE IT

II. What alternatives did you consider?

MEDICINE & TEACHING WERE IN MY FAMILY BACKGROUND
AND I COULD HAVE PURSUED EITHER ONE WITH A CERTAIN
AMOUNT OF SUCCESS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

THE YEARS WERE FULL OF LEARNING AND OF ACTIVITIES - FALL, WINTER
& SPRING AT THE SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY (MCT) & SUMMERS AT CAMP
GREAT ADVICE SUBJECT MATTER, THEORY & PRACTICE, GREAT TEACHERS AND
GREAT CANADADOGS - NEVER A DULL MOMENT.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

DISCRIMINATION, BECAUSE I LIVED AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL RESIDENCE
SEEMED THE PRINCIPAL ETC WERE ANNOYED ~~TO~~ TO FEEL THEY HAD
NO CONTROL OVER MY COMING & GOING. THIS SHOWED UP DRAMATICALLY
IN MY LAST YEAR - SEE #VII. SHE TREATED STUDENTS LIKE CHILDREN.

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

THE CHALLENGE TO DO WELL WAS ALWAYS THERE AND MOST
TEACHERS DID THEIR BEST TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN THE STUDENTS
FOR THE MOST PART THEY WERE KIND, HELPFUL & UNDERSTANDING
OF THE NEEDS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL. THE COURSES WERE THOROUGH
AND THE BEST OFFERED IN CANADA - PROBABLY IN N.A. FOR THE TIME.

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

THE FIGURE SKATING WAS THE WORST IN MY OPINION - TEACHER WAS POOR & NOT TRAINED TO TEACH - WE ALL SHOULD HAVE STARTED AT AN EARLIER AGE! FIRST YEAR CAMP - HAD TO LEAVE WITH A MIDDLE EAR INFECTION AND HAD TO REPEAT THAT CAMP AFTER MY CLASS GRADUATION WITHOUT ME!

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

A HARD TASK MASTER - AS I WAS TO LEARN WHEN GRADUATION CAME AND MY CLASS GRADUATED + I PICKED UP MY DIPLOMA IN OCT. AFTER REPEATING SEPT. CAMP - ALL POSITIONS HAVING BEEN FILLED BY THEN! ALSO MY FINAL MARKS WERE DOCKED BECAUSE I TOOK AN EXTRA DAY AT EASTER TIME - MAKING ME DROP FROM SECOND HIGHEST STUDENT IN CLASS IT WAS A BITTER PILL!

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES (summer jobs, parents paid....)?

BOTH I WOULD SUGGEST.

MINE WAS AN INHERITANCE FROM MY MOTHER'S ESTATE.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

REUNIONS - 25th - 35th - 40th - 45th & 50th - LETTERS AND NOTES AT CHRISTMAS & VISITS IN BETWEEN - OUR CLASS HAD A ROUND ROBIN LETTER CIRCULATING -

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES, Y.W.C.A. WORK, PRIVATE SCHOOLS CAMPS - IN THE NAVY - DRILL

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

ADVENTURE - PATRIOTISM - BOTH -

JOINED THE NAVY TO SEE THE WORLD! TORONTO, GALT, OTTAWA & HALIFAX - RESIGNED MY COMMISSION (LT. WRONS) AUG 1945. & MARRIED -

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 1918
- B. Your country of birth: CANADA
- C. Country of mother's birth: CANADA
- D. Country of father's birth: CANADA
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: DECEASED
- Father's occupation: DECEASED
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- City: TORONTO
- Province: ONT. Country: CAN.
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- BRANKSOME HALL SCHOOL
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 13
- Was this a private or public school? PRIVATE
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 1945
- Married to: (name) ALLAN F. DUFFUS
- Occupation of husband when married: ARCHITECT
LT. RCNVR.

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? YES - PLEASE

Please list addresses of any MES graduates you know of, besides those from 1939 and 1940.

1936 BARB REARDON. (McKERRON?) 1470 SUMMER ST. ^{CHP. (902)} WFX- 423-4300
(MRS. HENRY REARDON) ^{N.S.} YEAR? ?

1936 PAT MACKEIGAN (FLYNN-^{NÉE} YEAR?) 40 PRICHTON PARK Rd ⁽⁹⁰²⁾ 466-3010
(MRS. D. MACKEIGAN) DARTMOUTH. N.S.

I DON'T BELIEVE I HAVE ANY INFORMATION, MESAMIES, ETC. OTHER THAN WHAT YOU HAVE
PROBABLY ALREADY GOT FROM OTHER 39 GRADS. WE ALL KEPT THE SAME STUFF. AND
THE YEARS HAVE TAKEN THEIR TOLL ON MINE WITH STORAGE PROBLEMS. MOVES.
GOOD LUCK! END

Name Joyce Jarvis

Graduation year 1939

Today's date: July 23 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

As I lived in Toronto where MES was
situated it was logical to attend - ^{there} McGill University
was the only other Phys Ed. school in Canada at that
time

II. What alternatives did you consider?

None. I wanted to study ballet & modern dance
Miss Hubbard (mes. staff dance teacher) recommended
taking Phys. Ed. first & then continue with dance
after graduation - The War came -

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

The Course - I graduated with the highest marks
in the gymnastic programme ever awarded up till that
time - The Girls - We are the only quad. class that has had
a reunion every five years - We had our 50th in '89
a great camaraderie, interest and friendship has still exists to day

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Having to study tap dancing

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Gymnastics - Dance, Anatomy

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Swedish, Swedish & Apparatus Modern September spent at
Camp - Lake Couchiching the first year - for Camping
golf tennis archery + lectures on camping techniques for being
counselors and administration - Camp Taranakom. Sailing swimming
diving canoeing - lectures on teaching these activities and
passing necessary qualifying Test - An insight into all
aspects of camp life.

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Tap Dancing -

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

I don't recall any board. Miss Sommers - a very tall rather austere lady - a disciplinarian as I didn't live in residence had little contact with her outside of classes - Her pet expression was "Now don't you go and do that!"

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES (summer jobs, parents paid....)?

Parents Paid - Not many jobs for girls in 1937-38.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

We have reunit Robin Helton and a reunion every five years -

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

I spent 3 years teaching at the Central Neighbourhood House in Toronto - I spent 3 years in the W.R.C.N.S. - Starting as a Rating - got my commission ending up as a Lt. in charge of seven personnel in various R.C.N.S. Stations - After discharge and having married in the Navy I had 3 children & taught Business - Worked 26 years for the Women's League of the Calgary Philharmonics. Was its Pres in 1956 - Became a member of its main Board & was its Pres in '75-'76 - Was a member of the Junior League of Calgary

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

No

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 18
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Newfoundland
- D. Country of father's birth: Canada
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: Housewife

Father's occupation: Sec. Treasurer of Bishop Strachan School

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Toronto

Province: Ontario Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Bishop Strachan School.

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? Junior
grade 12? none

Was this a private or public school? Private

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 44

Married to: (name) Francis Richard Matthews

Occupation of husband when married: Naval Officer

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? Yes

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yes Elizabeth Jarvis / 35 is my sister -
her address - Mrs F.W. Johnson,
92 Chertown ave. Toronto M4R-1S6

my cousin - Muriel Sinclair Osburn
I think it's '36 or '37 362 S. 1st St. Dr. 1
'37 R.R. #1 Langford B.C.
1938-39

Name Dorothy Laidlaw Graduation year 1939

Today's date: July 24, 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

had always been interested in - and
enjoyed - physical education

II. What alternatives did you consider?

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

A most remarkable and dedicated
group of women. Miss Conner, the principal,
was truly outstanding

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at
MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

By mail and visits

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a
result of your education at MES?

Teacher at a girls' Private
School in Barrie, Ont. - "Overden" -
for seven years - also did
volunteer work in Barrie and Ottawa
Also worked at girls' camps during summer

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where?
Why?

No

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

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- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
- D. Country of father's birth: Canada
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: Housewife
- Father's occupation: Medical Doctor
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- City: Ottawa
- Province: Ontario Country: Canada
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- Kilmwood
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? _____
- Was this a private or public school? Private
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 51
- Married to: (name) Murray Edward Corlett
- Occupation of husband when married: Teacher

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? ✓

Please list addresses of any MES graduates you know of, besides those from 1939 and 1940.

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July 17, 1991

Dear Mrs. Corbett:

I am currently completing a Ph.D. dissertation on the Margaret Eaton School [MES]. Helen Gurney once stated, "During the period 1916 and 1941, the Margaret Eaton School made a major impact on physical education for girls and women in Canada." From what I have read so far, I believe what she says is true. Dorothy Jackson wrote an excellent booklet on the school, but beyond that there is no comprehensive history of the School. I am hoping to rectify that, but do ask for your assistance.

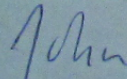
Enclosed you will find a questionnaire that deals with your memories of the school and your personal background. To ensure confidentiality for the personal background questions, the answers from all respondents will be compiled to present a composite picture of the background of MES students. If you would rather not complete a certain question, feel free to skip it and to go on to the next question. I would very much appreciate you taking a few minutes to respond to these questions and returning your responses to me at your earliest convenience.

Also, if you know the address of other MES grads, other than the graduating class of 1939 and 1941, I would be pleased if you could forward that information to me. Lastly, if you have copies of committee minutes, MES AMIES, Alumnae Newsletters, Calendars [1901-1907, & 1911], the Oracle, newspaper clippings about MES..., could you let me know which issues you have? I do have copies of some of these, but might be looking for the information you have. By the way, there was a Phyllis Laidlaw who graduated in 1927, is she related to you? *No*

I would be most happy to send you an abstract of my study upon its completion. If you would appreciate receiving a copy please indicate that at the end of the questionnaire.

Your quick response is appreciated, I thank you for your help, MES Amies!

Sincerely,



John Byl



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